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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:53 AM  
**To:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Subject:** RE: House Science Legacy and Abandoned mines Q

Not TRI as these are overwhelmingly historic sites that do not report to TRI. I am unfamiliar with ECHO, so I'm not sure.

Based upon my knowledge, the USGS identified 5,397 mine shafts, adits, tunnels and prospects based on topographic maps referenced in the USGS Professional Paper 1651 on page 260. The Animas River Watershed Stakeholders studies identified 1500 sites and narrowed them down to approximately 200 based upon prioritization (see the attached factsheet). The Clean Water Act Use Attainability Study for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for standards setting is the largest compilation of data on specific sites. At that point I think the prioritization list was down to about 100.

**From:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 11:34 AM  
**To:** Russell, Carol  
**Cc:** Snyder, Raquel  
**Subject:** FW: House Science Legacy and Abandoned mines Q  
**Importance:** High

Carol,

Do you have any information to respond to the following inquiry received by our Office of Congressional Affairs:

House Science Committee staff are trying to get a list of the 300 or so mines in the upper animas district. Do you know if ECHO or TRI has this info? If not, do you know if EPA tracks this data?

Could you get back directly to Raquel and cc me? Thanks!

**From:** Snyder, Raquel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 07, 2015 12:15 PM  
**To:** Mahmud, Shahid  
**Cc:** Deitz, Randy  
**Subject:** House Science Legacy and Abandoned mines Q

Hi Shahid,

House Science Committee staff are trying to get a list of the 300 or so mines in the upper animas district. Do you know if ECHO or TRI has this info? If not, do you know if EPA tracks this data?

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

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